

STONINGTON NEWS-LETTERS FROM THE BROADBENT FIELD

LETTERS FROM TOWNS IN TWO STATES

THE BUSINESS AND SOCIAL LIFE OF EVERY TOWN AND SETTLEMENT REFLECTED IN THESE COLUMNS.

NEW LONDON COUNTY, ASHWILLETT.

Improvements Being Made in Neglected Farms—Personal Mention of the Week.

Local farmers have been attending auction sales out of town the past week. Stock in good demand and brings large prices. Many of the old farms once owned and occupied by our ancestors are being sold and are passing into the hands of Germans, French and Poles. These new purchasers are making considerable improvements on the old farms and are turning them into profitable farms and are smart, industrious and enterprising people. The American young men of today do not take to farming, but are turning their attention toward the cities and villages for a business life.

Personal Notes.
Miner H. Bromley and family have moved to Leyard.

Frederick Myers and family are moving to the Peleg Kinney place in Volantown.

J. W. Wilkinson will change his residence from the Robert Billings place to the Mine place in district No. 6 in North Stonington.

Many other changes among farm tenants have been made. Some are purchasing real estate, many are selling while hundreds are changing their location.

There is an over supply of mud and water, and traveling is made any thing but agreeable.

Mrs. Mary H. Roode, who came here for a visit with friends and former neighbors last week, was called to care for Mrs. George Roode, who is seriously ill at his home in Griswold.

W. W. Billings, who holds a position at supervisor at Tillinghast's sawmill in Canterbury, and S. P. Eggleston's farm at Hopkinton, spent Sunday with their respective families in Ashwillett.

Saw Live Snakes.
John L. Maine was the first man to see a live snake this spring. On his way Saturday to S. P. Eggleston's farm he saw a snake crawling on his path and he immediately dispatched the reptile.

Local Briefs.
As the tax calls around the money of many of the families is not forthcoming. Many of the delinquents are being looked after.

The H. B. Latham and S. W. Stewart farms are still on the market. These places are pleasantly located and very desirable. The former is a large place, as many desire much smaller farms.

Charles L. Stewart of Norwich passed Sunday with his father, Mr. S. W. Stewart at West Ashwillett, returning to his law office Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Smith, daughter, and Mrs. E. B. Smith, son, were in North Stonington on business.

The grip has been a firm hold on a majority of the residents here. It is learned, however, that all are improving.

The Rev. J. Howard Adams of Waterbury has assumed the pastorate of the Pendleton Hill church.

Horace Miner, a leading farmer of Stonington, was called here Sunday at 10 p.m. He died at 11 p.m. after a long illness.

Miss L. E. Morgan is in Stonington, where she has obtained a position.

FRANKLIN.
Funeral of Mrs. Anna C. Engstrom—Death of Esteemed Friend and Neighbor—Interesting Items of the Week.

Mrs. Anna Charlotte, wife of John Engstrom, died at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at St. Joseph's hospital, Willimantic, after a week's illness with pneumonia. On Monday last she contracted a very severe cold that developed into pneumonia and she was taken to the hospital Tuesday morning (Tuesday). Mrs. Engstrom was born in Sweden Oct. 6, 1849. She was married to John Engstrom in Sweden May 1, 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Engstrom have three children, three sons and two daughters. They resided a little over two years. About three years ago Mr. Engstrom purchased the home formerly owned by her brother, Mr. W. W. Armstrong on Prospect Hill, Franklin, and moved there with his wife and daughter. Mrs. Engstrom was a member of the Lutheran church in Brooklyn, N. Y. She was a loving wife, a good mother and a true friend. She was laid to rest in the highest esteem by her neighbors and her loss will be felt not only by her family but by all with whom she had come into contact. Burial was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Engstrom. The funeral was held at the home of Mrs. Engstrom. The funeral was held at the home of Mrs. Engstrom.

PERSONAL NOTES.
Miss Florence Huntington of Willimantic spent the early part of the week with her aunt, Mrs. Lavina A. Robinson in Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Smith are the guests of relatives in Hartford.

R. N. Hyde is a visitor in Willimantic on Tuesday.

Miss Eleanor Beckwith was awarded one of the medals offered by The Bulletin for her essay on "The Week."

The weekly neighborhood prayer meeting will hold Sunday evening with Mrs. H. A. Gager as the subject.

Frank G. Cram, manager of the Narragansett Machine company of Providence was the guest over Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rockwood.

Mrs. Fred Race and Miss Jessie Campbell were the guests of Mr. Thomas Hunter of Norwich one day of the early part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Abel Browning spent Monday at Pleasant View, Westerly.

Representative Frank A. Rockwood attended the banquet in the Masonic hall at Hartford Thursday evening given by the Lodge of Perfection.

NORTH LYME.
The John Way House and Contents Moved.

Hamilton Jewett has recovered from his recent illness.

Mrs. Samuel Jewett has returned from a visit with friends in Deep River and Westerly.

Mrs. Willie Hall and children have been visiting at H. B. and Will Maynard's the past week.

Harold Gates and Melville Babcock have returned from a two week's visit with friends in Elliptical.

The tenement house known as the John Way house, owned by J. L. Raymond and occupied by the Courtland family, was moved Saturday with all the contents. Mr. Raymond will occupy the house.

GARDNER LAKE.
Mrs. George Bailey of New London returned home Sunday night after a visit with local relatives.

W. P. Maynard was home over Sunday of Mrs. J. C. Edmonds of Westerly, William Phillips of Carolina, R. I.

Mrs. Earl Lewis of Norwich was a guest Sunday of local relatives and friends.

Mrs. Charles Winchester has been visiting in Norwich.

CLARK'S FALLS.
Breakdown at Felt Mill—Personal Notes.

George Davidson was in Providence Wednesday to get a new injector for the boiler in the felt mill here. The mill was shut down for several days because of the failure of the old injector to work properly. Thursday morning the mill was running all right again.

Charles L. Mott has sold two cows to Will Miner and bought another cow of James Randall of Ashaway.

Miss Mary H. Mott has been spending a few days with friends in Westerly.

Mrs. Henry Arnold has been entering Mrs. H. L. Gordon of Berlin for several days.

REED-STANTON MARRIAGE.
W. P. Reed of Little Boston and Miss Bessie Stanton of South Lyme were united in marriage Friday afternoon at the home of the bridegroom by Justice of the Peace Austin L. Bush of Little Boston.

Mrs. Warren Chapman and children have returned to Groton after a lengthy visit with relatives in North Lyme.

Deacon James R. White has returned from a business trip to Boston.

John G. Groton has returned to his school duties at New Haven after spending a few days with local relatives.

Miss Lucy Mott has been spending a few days with friends in Westerly.

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FITCHVILLE.
Powell and Avery Fined for Damage to Property—Both Appeal—Play in Rehearsal.

There was a large attendance at the trial of the state vs. Powell and Avery, charged with tearing down a fence on private property. The accused were represented by Attorney John E. Barnes of Norwich and had a list of twenty-one witnesses to call, but during the trial only called two. The state was represented by Prosecuting Attorney H. O. Norwich and called two witnesses. Justice of the Peace Smith of Fitchville, acting as judge, found the accused guilty and imposed a fine of \$5 and costs on Avery and \$10 and costs on Powell. Both took an appeal to the criminal court of common pleas, bonds of \$100 being furnished for both.

Notes.
Grand Juror A. M. Miller was in New London Tuesday.

Misses Katherine McGinnis and Mary Burns of Willimantic were guests of Miss Bessie Stanton of South Lyme.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Powers and children of Chesterfield were the guests of Mrs. Powers' sister, Mrs. W. N. Russell of Fitchville.

Miss Kate A. Murphy of Norwich was the recent guest of her sister, Mrs. W. N. Russell of Fitchville.

Miss Eliza Murphy of Naugatuck was a recent visitor at the home of the Misses Kimbinger.

Local actors are rehearsing the play "Married Life."

PENDELTON HILL.
Mumps Are Prevalent in This Vicinity—Personal.

Mrs. C. D. Thompson has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Wheeler.

Mumps are prevalent in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams were entertained over the week at the home of Mrs. Jen Thompson.

John O. Newton has been ill. He was attended by Dr. James Lewis of Ashaway.

Mr. Amos Palmer is caring for Mrs. William Avery at Westerly.

Miss Edith Cook was a business board of the church.

Mr. Adams' household goods arrived on Monday. They were conveyed to this place by Malcolm Thompson, Edwin May and Martin Chase.

Mrs. Andrew Bennett's funeral was held last Saturday at the Ashwillett cemetery.

Charles Osborn is seriously ill at this writing. He is attended by Dr. E. H. Knowles of North Stonington.

Malcolm Thompson and Russell Cooke spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Cooke in Avondale.

Homer Kinney was at Norwich on Tuesday.

Birdsey Palmer was in White Rock Thursday.

LAUREL GLEN.
Mr. and Mrs. N. Frank Maine visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Maine, over Saturday night and Sunday.

Bertram Holdridge bought a horse at the auction sale held at the home of Edward Billings in Lower Pawcatuck last Monday.

Clyde Maine, Howard Maine, W. L. Maine and daughter Emma have the mumps.

SALEM.
Sunday School Realizes \$17 from Variety Supper—Accident—Auction at Webster Place.

Because of the storm last Thursday evening, the variety supper was postponed until Friday evening. The supper was held in Grange hall and was quite well attended. The proceeds, about \$17, will be used for the Sunday school on Monday.

A party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Jenkins on Friday evening. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. John R. Davis and daughter, Miss Alice, of Norwich are guests of Mrs. Lewis' father, Lewis Latimer.

Frederick Alfred, son of New London was in town on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric E. Mitchell were in Norwich on Monday.

Rib Broken.
While unloading fish recently, Charles Ray broke a rib.

Mrs. Alma Morgan and her sister, Mrs. Hattie B. Morgan, have been quite ill during the week past.

Mrs. Mary Daniels, Mrs. Chauncey Lemmings and Misses Gertrude and Hattie Lemmings of North Lyme, were guests at the home of Selectman E. L. Latimer a couple of days last week.

Miss Kittle L. Ray, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Ray, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Considerable sickness prevails, especially among children. Lawrence Beckwith, LeRoy and Floyd Bailey and Clyde A. Ray have been sick during the week.

Gordon Avery of New London was in town on business Monday.

Charles H. Ames of Norwich was visiting his acquaintances in the village Saturday.

On Shore Leave.
Capt. John Beebe, Harry Douglas and Perry Saunders, employed on the Cornhill Point lightship, are enjoying ten days' shore leave at their homes in the village.

Charles Hingston is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. Walter Small of New London was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Corley, in Main street Tuesday.

James McGarry of New London was in the village Tuesday.

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MYSTIC.
Activity of the Grange—Village Would Appreciate Trolley Line to Norwich.

Owing to the rain Thursday the regular meeting of the Stonington grange was postponed until Friday evening. The lecturer's hour was of unusual interest. Several papers were read by members. Six applications for membership were received. A number of visitors were present from Mystic.

The next meeting of the Mystic grange will be held on Monday. It will be the third and fourth degrees on a class of twenty-two and a harvest supper will be given in honor of the new recruits.

Water Surrounds House.
During the high tide last week some dwellings were surrounded by salt water.

Frank O. Barber has the plans drawn for an addition to his garage at Watch Hill, to be used as a store room. The new building will be one story high and 40 by 80 feet.

The Baptist church has been having a series of protracted meetings under the leadership of Rev. K. Flanders.

Dr. Edward Barber and Mrs. Barber have taken apartments at the Hotel Hoxie.

The doctors have been located in Brooklyn, during the summer months they will be at Chautauque. Both are former residents of Mystic.

Venerable Bank Men.
Henry B. Noyes is able to go to the bank every place. Rev. K. Flanders has been connected with the Mystic bank many years and is the present cashier.

Another venerable bank man is the president, Dr. F. M. Manning. He has been connected with his house for some time by illness.

Trolley Line to Norwich Needed.
A trolley road is much needed from Mystic to Old Mystic, and should not stop at Old Mystic, but continue on to the village of Norwich.

The Norwich and Westerly road, Mystic is the largest village in the county and should have a road to Norwich.

An added attraction to Mystic is a new, up-to-date theater in the Gilbert block.

GOSHEN.
Surveying for New Trolley Line—Post Cards from India—Axe Cut W. I. Mott's Foot.

P. A. Lathrop and family attended the 100th birthday anniversary of Averill of Goshen, Sunday.

He was quite a distance from the home of Chester W. Barnes in Preston Saturday.

Some picturesque post cards of the town of Goshen, N. Y., were received from Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. York of Vaddukodai, Jaffna Province, Ceylon, India.

Miss Edna Palmer is spending a few weeks with friends in Boston.

Conservation Meeting.
The Christian Endeavor topic on Sunday evening was Life Lessons from the Psalms, Psalms 46:1-11. This was the monthly concert, and was led by the president of the society, William T. Curry.

Axe Slipped.
W. I. Mott, while chopping wood in the garden, cutting his foot badly. He was quite a distance from the house, but fortunately someone was with him at the time and he was thus able to reach home.

Five Surveyors Busy.
The surveying of the Norwich, Colchester & Hartford electric railroad is progressing rapidly as the weather permits. A number of miles of the road will pass through this place. The surveyors reached the town line early this week. In the survey sharp angles and curves are avoided as far as possible and follow the road but very little, but runs through the fields and valleys, so that fast time can be made.

Notes.
Thomas F. Gilmore of New Haven was in town Sunday.

W. H. Tutton of Norwich was a caller here Tuesday.

PRESTON.
Cottage Prayer Meetings—Grange Session Postponed.

Rev. N. B. Prindle held a meeting at A. J. Zabinski's Wednesday evening and at Jesse Cray's Wednesday evening.

Telephones are to be placed in several homes in this place.

Lynwood B. Cray fell and sprained his wrist Monday.

No grange meeting was held on Tuesday evening on account of the storm.

Mrs. John Burdick has returned to Westerly after a long visit in this place.

Mrs. Gustavus Holden is ill.

GALES FERRY.

Home Missionary Society to Meet at the Parsonage—Rewards for Punctual Attendance—General News.

Holy communion was administered at the morning service at the Methodist Episcopal church in Providence. The regular meeting of the local auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary society, which holds the second Tuesday of the month, was postponed until the 15th, when the auxiliary will be entertained by Mrs. John Thompson at the parsonage.

Miss Fannie Hill Hurlbutt, member of the senior class of nurses at the Rhode Island hospital in Providence, has been ill at the institution for the past six weeks with a serious attack of rheumatism.

The kindersinfonietta orchestra met for rehearsal with Miss Alice Satterlee last Friday evening and with Miss Mary Hurlbutt Wednesday evening of this week.

Miss Amy B. Satterlee was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Frederick Richards, of Laurel Hill avenue, Norwich.

D. C. Perkins was a business caller in Groton and New London Wednesday.

Meritorious Pupils.
Nine members of the Gales Ferry Sunday school, Mrs. B. B. Smith, Harriet Crammer, Harold McGuire, Edwin Bracewell, Jennie Perkins, Richard Bracewell, Raymond Perkins, Irving Perkins and Mrs. J. Perkins, received the certificates given by the secretary of the school for the first two months of the third year of regular attendance. Sunday morning, Mrs. Crammer and Mrs. Perkins exchanged their stars and Harold Frank received the gold plated pin.

Mrs. Franklin H. Brown of Norwich called on friends in the village Tuesday. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Sarah Latimer, who has been visiting friends at her former home in Hartford, returned to the village Tuesday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Herbert Randall of New London were recent guests of Miss Amelia and Miss Susan Matheson.

Joined Leyard Grange.
Eufus Hurlbutt, Tracy Smith and Irving Hurlbutt from the village joined the Leyard grange at the regular session of the society Saturday evening at the Leyard Center church.

Miss Mary C. Allen is distributing a circular letter which has been issued to those interested in the work of the Gales Ferry church, containing the names of the members and the amount toward the permanent fund of the society.

Mr. Lucy Hurlbutt was the guest of relatives in Cozance and New London Sunday and Monday.

R. H. Perkins of New London called on relatives in the village Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Myrtle Mather attended the funeral of Mrs. B. B. Reed at New London Thursday.

About the Village.
Assistant Postmaster Norman L. Brown has been serving this week as a juror at the session of the criminal court at the common pleas in New London.

Mrs. John Griswold and Mrs. Belle Tracy of New London visited their relatives in the village Monday.

The Epworth league service Sunday evening was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Maynard.

Jonathan Satterlee was in Norwich Wednesday.

Ernest Maynard of Groton, Mass., was in town Sunday.

His grandmother, Mrs. Eliza Maynard, left Monday for Canterbury.

LEBANON.
Principal H. T. Burr Braves Storm to Keep Appointments—A Pleading Play—O. U. A. M. Hears Organizer Gilmore.

On Thursday evening of last week, Principal H. T. Burr of the state normal school, Willimantic, gave a very interesting and instructive address in Grange hall. The weather was unfavorable, but the audience was large. Mr. Burr thought he would not have the courage to keep his appointment. Another time he will be expected even though the weather is so unfavorable.

Mr. Burr came again to meet the teachers of the Grange hall. He was very helpful suggestions and good advice.

On Friday evening of last week the Goshen Literary society presented their play, "The New Englander," to a large and delighted audience.

Mrs. Katherine Sweet and son Charles have been spending several days in the village of Groton.

G. W. Smith and family have removed from Lebanon to South Windham.

Miss Ellen B. Huntington is spending two or three weeks with friends in Hartford.

Mrs. C. D. Briggs of Scotland is with Miss Hattie E. Hewitt.

To Commemorate O. U. A. M. Anniversary.

Thomas F. Gilmore of New Haven, who organized William Williams council, No. 73, O. U. A. M., in this place 17 years ago, gave an eloquent and patriotic address at the meeting of the order in Grange hall last Wednesday evening. Another public meeting will be held next Wednesday evening at the same place. The Rev. Gilmore and others will address the meeting. This will be on the 17th anniversary of the organization of the order in this place.

NORTH STONINGTON.
Congregational Church May Call Cromwell Pastor—Grange Lets Its Light Shine.

Rev. Mr. Hollister of Cromwell (Vt.) the second time supplied the pulpit of the Congregational church last Sunday. He was quite a distance from the home, but fortunately someone was with him at the time and he was thus able to reach home.

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YAWBUX VALLEY.
S. P. Maine was calling on friends here Sunday.

Cyrus Fletcher has moved from the farm in the eastern part of the town. Leon Richmond is suffering from the mumps.

Miss Ruth Chapman of Westerly was the guest of Miss Anna Chapman over Sunday.

Henry Callum is moving to the Leitcher farm, which he recently purchased.

Local Settings.
Mrs. Adda Maynard and daughter, Miss Alice, have returned home after a week's visit with Mrs. Larabee's sister, Mrs. Russell Gallup.

Mrs. Louisa Gray is visiting relatives in Moosup.

Mr. and Mrs. Enos M. Gray were Mystic callers Tuesday.

Miss Ruth Chapman, a business caller in Gurleyville Tuesday.

Joseph Caswell has purchased a fine pair of horses.

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UNCASVILLE.
Opposition to Probating Church Will—Religious and Fraternity Interests—Social Affairs of the Week.

Mrs. Ray Woodmansee has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Dennison, in New Haven.

Car cards of new machinery, consisting of spinning frames, arrived Tuesday at the Pequot mills.

Special Lenten services were held in St. John's Roman Catholic church by the Rev. P. J. O'Reilly Friday evening.

Mrs. William B. Walden, who has been spending three months in the west, has returned.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Young were at Spitthead Sunday, the guest of friends, Mrs. Walter Young was in New London Monday.

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